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Helping out Jerry Siner of Chemical Workers Local 50 at Granite City Steel lines up a piece of vinyl siding while working on Catherine Measki's Granite City home during a Christmas in April project. Behind him is Ty Lucas from Scott Air Force Base tacks his end down. Below, Frank Woods and Gary Stagman of Granite City Moose Lodge 272 work to install a wheelchair ramp on the home of Veronica Kraus. The lodge sponsored her home for Christmas in April. Christmas in April is an annual event that helps local residents do needed repairs on their homes. More photos on Page 1C.



'The course is great' Gateway National Golf Links opens

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It was a good day on the golf course for the Rev. Leon Peterson of First St. Louis.

He and his partner, Lee G. Russell of Worden, were among several hundred golfers crowding the greens in the first few days at Gateway National Golf Links in Madison.

The 18-hole course opened to the public on May 1.

"I think the course is great," Peterson said. "And I've been doing good. I've been whupping on my partner."

Russell said he was having a good time on a "marvelous" course.

"It's in beautiful shape," he said, describing the course. "Here we are the first of the season — the greens are immaculate, the fairways are smooth, it's just a marvelous course."

He added that if Peterson did beat him, "it will be the first time ever."

Peterson remained confident.

"He's going to owe me an apology and everything when I whup him," he said.

Despite a rainy opening day, 459 golfers tried the course in first four days, said Shawn Barnes, head golf pro.

"It was a rainy day (Friday), but we had a little more than 100 players scheduled, and almost 90 of them went ahead and played in the rain," Barnes said.

The course includes a 7,000-square-foot clubhouse with a pro shop and full kitchen, and an outdoor pavilion.

The course, touted by developers as being the "only bent grass-style golf course in the St. Louis metropolitan area" and the only public course in the region to feature bent grass fairways — was designed by Keith



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Lewis Bernstein hits a drive off the first tee at Gateway National Golf Links during a lull in the light rain which fell during the course's first day of business Friday.

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"Things on the golf course are going great," Barnes said. "This is Tuesday, we've got 150 booked for Saturday — it's increasing every hour with the number of calls we get. We can handle about 220 people per day."

"Everybody that's played has found the golf course to be very enjoyable, and in good condition. Better than probably what we expected for a very first opening."

Terry Lerch of Raleigh, N.C., who was in St. Louis on business, agreed.

"I think it's great," he said. "For a brand-new course, I've never seen a new course look so good. The fairways are gorgeous and the greens are perfect. It's awesome for as new as it is."

Lerch and his partner, Kevin Bryan of St. Louis, had heard about the course from friends who had played there on Sunday.

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Economy agrees to fine

Settlement is reached in altercation with Garrett

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An altercation between Madison County Board member Dog Garrett of Madison and Venice Township Supervisor Andy Economy — in which Economy was accused of spitting on Garrett — has been tentatively settled.

According to the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office, Garrett agreed to plead guilty to disorderly conduct, pay a \$100 fine and serve six months community service.

The agreement was reached Tuesday with the consent of both Garrett and Economy.

Economy was originally charged with battery in a complaint filed with the Madison Police Department by Garrett.

According to police reports, on March 15, Garrett and two other men

Economy agreed to plead guilty to disorderly conduct, pay a \$100 fine and serve six months supervision. The agreement was reached Tuesday with the consent of Garrett.

were hanging political signs at the corner of Main and Washington. When Economy allegedly pulled up in one of his tow trucks, cursed Garrett and then spit in his face.

When Garrett filed a complaint he

was told by police that it was illegal to place signs on telephone poles. Garrett told police he would remove the sign.

The incident was apparently the result of political disagreements between the two.

At the time of the incident, which occurred two days before the spring election, Economy said he thought Economy might have been provoked by a newsletter Garrett published before the election.

"The Truth" with a publication date of March 17, he accused Economy of "stealing" \$100,000 in "hard-earned taxpayer money" when Venice Township supervisors voted to pay him \$100,000 for a building.

Donald Turner, a former Madison School Board member, who was one of the two men with Garrett when the incident allegedly occurred, also sent out a letter for Venice Township residents blasting Economy.

Warfield takes place on council

Selph cites his city experience

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

What goes around comes around. Mayor Ray Selph joked as he appointed Mac G. Warfield to the Granite City Council Tuesday.

The council unanimously approved the nomination of Warfield to his old 6th Ward seat. Warfield had served two previous council terms.

Warfield took his seat to the applause of the mayor, the rest of the aldermen, city officials and residents.

Selph said earlier he had chosen Warfield over a number of qualified candidates "based on his experience and being an alderman."

He was elected two times to the city council before he went to fill a

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vacancy on the Madison County Board. He lives in Granite City.

Warfield's appointment once again gives the city a full council. Aldermen Nancy Sanders and Alan Crider had resigned their seats earlier this year, leaving a two-seat deficit on the council.

Leo Wofford was named to fill Warfield's seat, and Warfield assumed Crider's 6th Ward seat.

Recently, Walter "Shang" Greathouse resigned after a long term as director of the Metro East Sanitary District. Warfield, also head of the

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Court bailiff charged in bribery scheme

He allegedly offered \$1,500 in DUI case

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

An 11-year Madison County Circuit Court bailiff has been charged with bribery and is expected from the court for allegedly offering \$1,500 to an assistant state's attorney to drop a DUI case.

Norman M. Bertagnoli, 65, of the 700 block of North Ninth Street in Wood River, pleaded not guilty during a preliminary hearing Monday. He is free after posting \$4,000 bail on Saturday.

Bertagnoli is accused of offering Assistant State's Attorney Tony Rother to a \$1,500 bribe to encourage Rother to influence a pending DUI case against Mark P. Dieckmann, of the 100 block of 11th Street in Collinsville. Rother handles DUI and domestic violence cases for the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

Dieckmann, 42, was arrested by Collinsville authorities for allegedly driving under the influence at 10:57 p.m. Wednesday.

According to State's Attorney William Haine, an attorney for the "middle man" approached Bertagnoli on Dieckmann's behalf, asking whether Bertagnoli, a bailiff in traffic and family court cases, could do anything to help Dieckmann.

Bertagnoli apparently knew the middle man for years from mutual visits to the race track, but does not appear to know Dieckmann, Haine said.

Haine said the middle man paid Bertagnoli \$3,500 to get some help on the DUI case, apparently thinking that Bertagnoli was going to use the money to hire an attorney.

Bertagnoli, however, kept \$2,000 of the money and used the remaining \$1,500 in the bribe attempt, Haine said.

Bertagnoli allegedly approached Rother in the back of courtroom 103 last Thursday afternoon, he said.

Bertagnoli initially asked Rother whether Rother would like "to make some money" by helping dismiss the DUI case, Haine said.

Within 15 minutes, Rother reported the offer of a bribe to Haine, who said he immediately called Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Hertz of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, Haine said.

The various parties agreed to proceed with the investigation, with Rother meeting Bertagnoli in the courthouse Friday afternoon.

There, in the chambers of a sentencing judge, Bertagnoli allegedly gave Rother an envelope with \$1,500 in cash. Rother, who had

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William Haine
State's attorney

been wearing an electronic surveillance "wire," immediately left the building, Haine said.

Three representatives of the Sheriff's Department — Capt. Don Spaul and detectives John Lakin and Brad Wells — monitored the wired conversation from another area of the courtroom, Haine said.

Bertagnoli admitted in a signed statement that he had paid the bribe and said it was the first time he had ever done so, Haine said.

Bertagnoli pleaded not guilty in a courtroom appearance Monday. His attorney, Ed Ursell of East Alton, had no comment. "I haven't even seen the discovery motions in the case," Ursell said.

Bribery is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

The middle man was not being named partly because the investigation is continuing, Haine said. At this point no other charges are expected, but if evidence warrants, the case will be presented to the grand jury, he said.

Rother, 28, who has been with the State's Attorney's Office since October 1996, drew praise from Haine.

"If this cloud has a silver lining, it's that we have assistant state's attorneys who are above reproach," he said.

Bertagnoli has been a bailiff with the Third Judicial Circuit Court since March 23, 1987.

Chief Judge Nicholas G. Byron said the judges of the circuit mutually agreed Monday that Bertagnoli be suspended until the case is resolved. Byron said he could not comment on whether the suspension is with or without pay because it might jeopardize Bertagnoli's right to a fair trial.

Detective Spaul said an investigation continues into the connection between the various men in the case.



Prayer day — The National Day of Prayer is today, Thursday. This year's events are at 11:30 a.m. on the steps of Granite City Hall and at 7 p.m. at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Building. Above, several residents gather for last year's National Day of Prayer.

Mobile homes assailed

Violations alleged at two mobile home parks

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials are gearing up for another fight over mobile home parks in the village.

At its last meeting, the Village Board approved having Village Attorney Brian Pollard file an action against the owners of the Lakeside Mobile Home Park and Cottonwood Mobile Home Park.

At the meeting, Building Inspector Jim Hill told the board there were numerous violations at the parks, and the owners were not cooperative.

He said no citations have been issued yet, pending action by the village attorney.

Several residents of the parks attended the meeting and expressed concern about what they say are worsening conditions and poor management.

"I've been out there 14 years, and this is the worst I've ever seen this park," said James Monroe, a resident of the Cottonwood park. "They don't take care of anything."

He said the owners do not care about the condition of the park, and the on-site management does not do anything.

"We've been trying to keep that park going because we own our houses," Monroe said. "It's been a year and a half, and I'm living next to a trailer with no skirting on the back, some on the side, windows out, doors out, a

sliding door that's falling out."

Freda Brockman, owner of Cottonwood park, said Tuesdays she has plans to make improvements, but has been unable to because of illness and problems with drugs in the park.

She said she is unable to leave vacant trailers.

"One would get out and one would come in," she said. "So to get them out, I had to leave vacant trailers. I don't know how you get around that."

She also said many of the complaints are coming from one or two dissatisfied residents.

"I really do have plans, ever since I bought that trailer court (about five years ago)," she said. "It's never going to be anything but a small trailer court."

She added that she is hoping to talk to Mayor Glen Wilson sometime this week about problems at the park.

The village has had continuing problems with mobile home parks.

Many of the problems come from older homes on substandard lots that were grandfathered in when the village either annexed the area or before stricter zoning codes were in place.

Lakeside is one of those. It was purchased by

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Aerial truck to be sold

Firefighters Historical Society to buy vehicle for \$100

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Granite City Fire Department's old aerial ladder truck will have a future after all.

At Tuesday's regular council meeting, the council approved selling the truck to a salvage or junk yard for a similar amount of money. Selling it to an historical group allows the truck to still serve a purpose. Talley said city residents may even see it in parades.

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Chief Keith Talley told the council.

Previously, the council had intended on selling the truck to a salvage or junk yard for a similar amount of money. Selling it to an historical group allows the truck to still serve a purpose. Talley said city residents may even see it in parades.

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The Fire Department is in the process of acquiring a new aerial ladder truck for \$477,673, roughly half in city funds and half from Madison County in the form of Community Development Block Grant money.

The old truck, a 1987 model, was still in working order, but failed some safety tests. Rather than spend thousands to refurbish it — replacing the aerial ladder alone would have cost \$8,000 — fire officials decided the best option would be to buy a new truck.

The council also received a letter from police officer Dennis Chastain regarding his retirement on May 15. Alderman Sandy Shaw said the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners would seek a replacement.

The council also agreed Tuesday with the board's recommendations for the promotions of Patrolman Peter M. Murgic, Sgt. Richard Miller and Lt. Steve Willaredt to their present ranks.

In other action, the council granted the request from residents of the 2600 block of State Street to hold a block party on May 23.

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Art show — The Granite City High School Art Department will hold its annual art show from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at the high school. The show is free to all and will be shown in the corridors and art rooms. All levels of art will be displayed, including a separate exhibit of work from graduating seniors. At left, Jessica Mefford, a senior art student, works on her self-portrait. At right, Kevin Penberthy, another senior art student, displays his finished ceramic sculpture, which will be a part of the show.

11 arrested in sting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Eleven people were arrested by Illinois State Police troopers investigating a Pontoon Beach and Granite City — during an undercover detail April 25 aimed at underage drinking.

All were charged with illegal sale of alcohol to a minor.

Arrested was part of an ongoing effort to curb underage drinking.

Undercover officers accompanied minors into 20 stores selling packaged alcohol.

Arrests were made in 11 of 20 stores targeted, including:

Pontoon Beach: Robert Taylor, 21, of Victoria Drive, Granite City; Leroy's Liquor, 4003 Pontoon Road;

Marissa: Fourcault, 19, of the 4200 block of Marigold, Pontoon Beach; Clark station, 3802 Illinois 111; Anthony Middleton, 27, of the 38th block of Troy at the Shell station located on Illinois 111; and Jeremy Errandi, 19, of the 6200 block of Illinois 111, Mitchell, at Amoco Food Shop, 1301 East Chain of Rocks Road.

Granite City: Michelle Weston, 26, of the 2700 block of Iona, Granite City, at Shooter's Liquor, 2526 Nameoki Road; Madeline Robertson, 41, of the 500 block of Mockingbird Road,

•Course

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While marketing has been geared toward golfers in down-St. Louis, it has also attracted attention in Illinois.

Russ Weidner of Granite City, who works at Huntoon Steel, said it was a "great course."

"I like the layout," he said. "It's got a lot of length and it's hard. And it's very close to the office."

The clubhouse restaurant was set to open Wednesday, and the parking lot was to have been finished and striped that day.

Workers were also getting ready to build a 9-hole putting green.

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Home buying help could be on the way

\$1.2 million housing program proposed

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

The Madison County Board is expected to vote next month on a \$1.2 million county housing program that will offer new opportunities for home buyers of modest means.

The new program is similar to an existing program that lends money to new buyers for a downpayment in areas like Alton.

The \$1.2 million budget for housing was approved Thursday by the Madison County Board Grants Committee. The program is effective Oct. 1.

This year, the county is also offering a grant, which does not have to be repaid, to people who might have saved up 3 percent of a home's value.

"This is a reward for people who have saved up their 3 percent for a downpayment," said Dorothy Hummel, the county's community development administrator.

People who have not managed to save up a downpayment may still participate in the Home Buyer program but will not receive a grant. They may qualify for an additional Federal Housing Administration loan.

There is also loan money available to complete the downpayment and mortgage insurance, which is often required to get the lender to accept the loan, Hummel said.

Under the program, the loans for a downpayment are forgiveable if the buyer remains in the home for five years.

Alton is administering a portion of the existing home-buyer program and completed 19 deals in a recent month, Mayor Sam Sanders said.

"Alton has done a good job with the program. There has been a real impact there," Hummel said.

She said city officials are reporting most of the people in the program have moved back into the city after having once left.

Another new policy under the program, which only approves loans up to \$30,000, will make loans up to \$50,000 available for home purchases.

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earning less than 50 percent of the county's median income. For example, that would be \$16,500 for a single person but more according to the number of people in the household.

That would be \$16,500 for a single person and more, according to the number of people in the household.

The loans do not have to be paid back until the homes are sold, Hummel said.

Loans at 2.5 percent for 20 percent are available for people who earn between 50 percent and 80 percent of median income.

Hummel said county officials are hoping to remain in the housing assistance programs because they help people afford homes and shore up aging neighborhoods. The program can also sustain itself, she said.

"All the loan money can be recouped," she said.

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Madison County Democratic Party, was named to the Sanitary District directorship. Crider, a principal at Grigsby Middle School, resigned from the city council to take Warfield's seat at county.

Alton's Warfield is coming back home. He has also served as the superintendent of the city's street department. He will assume Crider's committee appointments, including chairing the fire, water and ambulance committee and the negotiations committee.

In a light moment at Tuesday's meeting, while reading the roll call for approval of a motion, City Clerk Judy Whitaker took a calling Warfield "Mac." Wofford and Warfield are the two newest aldermen and are last on her list.

"I think with 'Wofford' and 'Warfield' we're going to have a tough time," Selph said, to the amusement of all. Whitaker called for Warfield as "Mac" for the rest of the meeting, and he didn't seem to mind.

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NEWS

River will drop below flood level

By Ande Yakstis
Telegraph staff writer

GRAFTON — Relief could be on the way for flood-prone Grafton as river water forecast the river will drop below the 18-foot flood level this week for the first time in nearly two months.

The river at Grafton, which reached 18.3 feet on Monday to 18.8 feet on Thursday, more than a foot below flood stage, said Ray Kopsky Jr. of the water control office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis.

"The high water will drop sharply at Grafton," Kopsky said. "It'll go down about 4 feet this week."

Grafton residents are keeping an eye on the falling water, said Sandy Rowling, secretary to Mayor Bobbie Amburg.

"Everyone is happy that the high water is dropping," Rowling said. "If the water goes down to 18.8 feet on Thursday, it'll be the first time the river has been below flood level since March 11."

At Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton, the Mississippi River may drop below the 21-foot flood stage on Wednesday, Kopsky said.

Heavy rains last week pushed the river to 23 feet at Alton, 2 feet above flood stage.

"The river has been up and down all spring at Alton," he said.

The river may drop from

22.3 feet on Monday to 21.1 feet today at Alton, Kopsky said. "The river is expected to fall to nearly two feet below flood stage," he said. "It'll continue to drop on Thursday, down to 17.5 feet."

As the water drops this week, corps officials will finish the inspection of damage from barges that slammed into a wall at the Alton locks and dam on April 6.

The high water hampered the complete inspection of the wall to determine the extent of the damage, lockmaster Tom Miller said.

Miller said, however, that there may not be much damage on the wall below the high water line.

A towboat pushing 15 barges crashed into a wall leading to the 1,200-foot lock at 10:30 p.m. April 6.

Four barge sank, four were damaged, and five swirled wildly in the current through the open dam gates.

SIUE offers acting course

"Acting for Television," a three-week workshop demonstrating an acting technique that can be very effective for working on the theater stage, will be offered for credit. Non-credit from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. three times weekly from June 1 to 19 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The workshop, offered through the SIUE Department of Theater and Dance, is part of the university's Summer Arts "98" program. Details of the television drama and corporate training video styles will be performed on camera, videotaped and critiqued.

The Granite City Public Libraries, both main library, 2001 Delmar and branch, 2145 Johnson Road, will be closed to the public on Friday, May 8th, 1998. The staff will be participating in development programs to better serve the public.



Choir festival — The 14th annual Children's Choir Festival of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ was hosted by St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, on April 19. Children's choirs from St. Paul UCC in Belleville, St. Paul UCC in Waterloo, St. Peter UCC in Okawville, Trinity UCC in Belleville, Evangelical UCC in Highland and St. John UCC in Granite City each presented a special anthem. The six choirs then joined forces to form the Festival Choir and sing a group of anthems. Alison Harner, Children's Choir director from St. John UCC, directed the program; and she was accompanied by Beth Nical, organist and choir director at St. John.

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2 escape injury in accident

By Becky Volmer

Telegraph staff writer

A pair of drivers walked away unharmed Tuesday afternoon after a pickup truck and a tractor-trailer ran off Interstate 270.

The pickup truck rolled down the embankment, coming to rest upright against a tree. The tractor-trailer slid about 30 yards from the side of the highway, then tipped onto its right side.

"It was like a big pileup, and it just went out of control," said Tony Hudzik of Granite City, who was driving the older-model Chevrolet pickup. "I'm just totally stunned."

Bill Arvesen of Texas, the driver of the tractor-trailer, said he had never been involved in anything like the wreck in the 15 years he's been behind the wheel of a big rig.

He said he was lucky not to have had even a single bump or bruise when his rig — carrying about 25,000 pounds of lumber and trim from Mexico to a dealership outside Chicago — tipped over.

The two trucks were eastbound on 270 just west of Illinois Route 150, near the time Hudzik's truck blew. After fighting to stay out of the median, Hudzik apparently swerved in front of Arvesen's rig and caught the truck's front bumper.

"He just sucked me down the hill," Arvesen said. "I did the best I could do under the circumstances, and luckily I didn't kill the guy."

Land trade halted

SWIDA seeking land for raceway parking lot

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An order halting the transfer of approximately 140 acres of land to the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority has been issued by the Illinois First District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon.

However, SWIDA officials say the stay is meant because the title transfer on the property has already taken place.

The original owners of the land, National City Environmental LLC, have opposed the taking of the land, which is in the former village of National City.

The land is part of a larger parcel containing St. Louis Auto Shredding.

In an amended notice of appeal filed May 5, attorneys for the company asked for an emergency stay — which was granted.

The order prohibits the land transfer until the motion can be heard.

To work with the appellate court said lawyers for SWIDA have not yet filed a response to the notice.

SWIDA is attempting to use "quick-take" to obtain control

of the land, which would be transferred to Gateway International Raceway for use as a parking lot.

The owners of the land have argued that taking the land for a private business like a raceway is unconstitutional.

There has also been dispute over the proposed price of the land.

Racetrack officials want the land to build a large parking facility adjacent to the track, which will have its first major event of the year, the Motorola 300, May 21-23. They had approached the owners of the land, but had been rebuffed.

SWIDA had been approached by St. Clair County to use its quick-take powers to obtain the property.

In an April 27 order approving the land transfer, a St. Clair County judge set the initial value of the land at \$900,000. The owners claim the land is worth approximately \$37 million, and the price will be determined in a jury trial.

SWIDA Executive Director Arnl Orthals said they considered the stay moot because the title transfer took place before the amended notice to appeal was filed.

Haine wins Stassi appeal

Former Wood River City Councilman Anthony Stassi is no longer a member of the council after he submitted his first letter of resignation in July 1997, a state appeals court ruled Thursday.

The ruling affirms the opinion of Madison County Circuit Judge William Haine that Stassi illegally held office from July 1997 to January 1998, when Stassi resigned again.

"This confirms our strong belief that there should be no severance pay allowed for an elected official for whatever reason," Haine said Friday.

The decision overturned Madison County Associate Circuit Judge Ann Callis-Rongey, who had ruled that Stassi's first resignation was void.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED

Attorney At Law

When a person is injured in an automobile accident, the first thing that must be determined is which driver was at fault. It may be helpful to look at a hypothetical situation where a driver who was in an accident ended up in another car. The driver who was hurt in this type of case often wonders what monies he is entitled to recover from the driver who caused the accident or from his own insurance company.

The first thing the injured driver is entitled to is money for property damage to his vehicle. In this case, the driver of the front car should make an attempt to settle the case directly with the other driver's insurance company. An insurance company in this situation will usually agree to pay "book value" on the damaged automobile. The driver of the front car cannot negotiate a settlement with the other driver's insurance company. He will have to resort to turning the claim over to his own company. His insurance company can then seek recovery from the other insurance carrier.

Another benefit which the injured driver may be able to receive is "medical pay" under his own insurance policy. When a person is injured in an automobile accident, usually his own policy will

provide for payments for medical treatments actually received. Many policies indicate that only "reasonable medical services" will be paid under medical pay coverage. Therefore, how much a company will actually pay can often become a contested issue if the company determines the medical providers have overcharged for their services.

Finally, the injured person is entitled to recover from the driver at fault under the liability portion of the negligent driver's policy. It should be noted that the party who recovers from the driver at fault may have to reimburse the other insurance company any medical pay benefits which were previously received. In Illinois, most medical pay benefits must be reimbursed when there is recovery from a third party.

Under the liability portion of the other driver's policy, the injured person will recover for lost wages, medical bills, and pain and suffering. It is obvious that the greatest potential for recovery by the injured driver is under the liability part of the policy carried by the driver at fault.

Another benefit which the injured driver may be able to receive is "medical pay" under his own insurance policy. When a person is injured in an automobile accident, usually his own policy will

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St. Louis developer Ken Kropf in May 1996.

At the time, Kropf had planned to improve and expand the park, which had older trailers and lots that were too small to meet village requirements.

Because it did not meet requirements, the owners could not sell the property, but village officials had allowed the sale of the park to Kropf in hopes of improving the area. His original plans called for more newer mobile homes over a larger area with bigger lots.

However, Wilson — who opposed the action at the time — said nothing has been done.

"He told the board he was going to make all kinds of improvements," Wilson said. "I argued with him at the time that he couldn't do it."

Wilson said Kropf didn't have enough space to develop the mobile home park properly.

"I don't think he can, and I don't think he's trying," Wilson said.

Lakeside is also facing the possibility of losing its operating license issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

According to IDPH spokesman Tony Sanders, the park failed a March 12 inspection.

"Last time we were there, basically we found several violations we told them to correct," Sanders said.

"If they didn't correct we would not issue a new license for the next year."

Although the license technically expired April 30, Sanders said no real action will be taken until after a new inspection, which could come as early as this week.

Kropf could not be reached for comment.

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Bob Emig

What's in a nickname? A great deal for IHSA teams

I've always been a big fan for nicknames for school athletic teams.

Like a lot of states, Illinois has its share of colorful nicknames for its high school teams. Some come quite naturally. Like the Oilers for East Alton-Wood River High School or the Shells for Roxana High School. Those came about, of course, because of the industry that dominates those communities.

Others like the Belleville Althoff Crusaders and the Metro East Lutheran Knights in Edwardsville reflect their religious ties. The state is dominated by Indian nicknames — Indians, Warriors, Kahoks, etc., in honor of the heritage of the state. And why wouldn't The Latin School of Chicago have its nickname, Romans?

There are reasons, of course, for some of the more colorful nicknames, such as the Illinois high school sports teams that go well like the Cobden Appleknockers, Freeport Pretzels, Teutopolis Wooden Shoes. And the Marcos of Polo High School.

But why Chicago South Shore Tars?

Or the De Kalb Cobras? Or the Kankakee Cogs? Or the Hampshire Whip-Pups?

How about the Hubs of Rochelle? What's a Lake Forest Caxys?

Inquiring minds want to know.

With the advent of girls sports into the Illinois High School Association in the 1970s, nicknames became more interesting, although most schools took the easy way out by putting "Lady" in front of the nickname that they've used for years.

Many other schools, of course, added "ettes" to feminize the nickname for the girls.

But really is there anything feminine about being called the Lady Hubs or the Lady Warriors or the Lady Chargers or the Lady Mules?

But what with the Redlettes for its girls teams. It's popular to go with the Tigelettes like at East St. Louis Lincoln. Why not the correct female version — Tigress?

And why not Lions instead of Lady Lions? Are you listening at Carterville, home of the Lady Lions?

Some schools, of course, became creative to feminize their school nickname when the girls team came into existence. Like the Barrington Brogues became the Barrington Lillies* for their girls teams. Bunker Hill's Minutemen became Minutemaids for the girls. Quite naturally, the "Mightymen" of Chicago Dunbar became the Mighty Mites for the girls. Crescent City has the Golden Eagles for the boys and added Golden Girls for the girls. There are the Dixon Dukes and the Dixon Duchesses, which is a bit more creative than the Duke and Lady Dukes of Elmhurst, York. Lovejoy's Wildcats became Wildkittens for the girls. Stronghurst Southern named their girls teams Belles, although their boys team are the Rebels. The boys may have nicknames — First Mates for their girls teams; the boys are the Pirates. Cairo had the same idea with the Pilots and Co-Pilots. At Flora, the girls teams are known as the Flora and the boys as the Wabash. My favorite is the Orphan Annies of Centralia, derived from the Orphans from the boys teams.

A lot of schools missed out when they added girls sports. For instance, why aren't the girls teams at Rock Island called the Pebbles instead of the Rocks? Why wouldn't it be the Sisters or the Nuns at Oak Park Fenwick, where the boys' teams are called the Friars?

There also was the opportunity for the boys teams to switch their nicknames to more appealing-sounding names when the girls' teams came aboard. For instance, the Waverly Scotties could have become the Waverly Scots. The Fisher Bunnies could have been re-named the Fisher Rabbits. And why not the De Kalb Knights go along with the De Kalb Barbarians?

Then you have to wonder about the all-girls schools. Do you think they tried to intimidate their opponents by calling themselves the Chicago St. Barbary Bears, the South Holland Seton Academy Sting, or the Westchester Immaculate Heart of Mary Fighting Tigers?

What's in a name? When it comes to nicknames, there's plenty. I'm sure you have your favorites.

(P.S. — Thanks to the IHSA web page for listing all of their schools' nicknames.)

Warriors nipped by EHS



JOHN FRESE /Press-Record
Granite City infielder Brian Kamadulski covers second base and gets ready to place a tag on a Collinsville baserunner in a recent game. The Warriors fell to 6-11 with a loss Tuesday to Edwardsville.

Belleville East turns back Kahoks

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville High junior pitcher Charlie Johnson was relatively upbeat after he was saddled with a 6-3 Southwest Conference loss to Belleville East on Tuesday afternoon.

"I think I did pretty good," Johnson joked with Collinsville Herald photographer John Swistak, Jr. "They didn't hit me hard. If you held a gun to my head and said that's strike, I still could do it."

Johnson struggled with his control all afternoon. He issued six bases on balls — four in the opening inning that resulted in two Lancers runs.

"He really did have some control problems. The thing I liked about

Charlie today is he competed. He didn't have very good stuff," Collinsville baseball coach Steve McFall said. "He had trouble throwing strikes but he continued to fight. He kept us relatively in the game."

"East has a good lineup and Charlie knew that. They kind of nickel and dime strike, I still could do it."

The Lancers (12-3, 3-3 in SWC action) threatened to score in every frame but the second inning. East scored two runs in the first inning, two in the third, one in the fourth and a single tally in the fifth.

East coach Dennis Schutzenhofer liked the Lancers' aggressive approach to the game. He said it was an important moral victory for the team after almost a two-week layoff because of wet playing conditions.

"We had baserunners all over the place and they gave up too many walks," Schutzenhofer said. "I'm not sure if we thought we were one of the better teams in the area. We thought at the beginning of the year we would be one of the better teams and then we lost two straight — to Collinsville and Belleville West. Our confidence was shaken. We all know that if we're teams we should beat but we hadn't beaten a real good team and Collinsville is. This is a real big game for

Tigers escape with perfect mark intact

By Jason Sharp
Correspondent

The Granite City High School baseball team came very close to putting a mark in the loss column for Edwardsville on Tuesday.

The Warriors eventually dropped a 3-2 decision to the undefeated Tigers (20-0) at Edwardsville.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win," Warriors coach Gus Lignou said. "We hit the ball well today. We had good pitching and we gave ourselves the opportunity to win."

"We can't get a hit when we need a hit," Lignou added. "If those balls we drive straight at someone move a little to the left or right, it's a different game."

Granite City's inability to hit in the clutch situations showed in the statistics for baserunners. The Warriors left eight on base Tuesday, stranding runners in every inning but the sixth, when they went down in order. They had a runner waiting on third base when the final out came in the seventh inning.

"You have to make your own luck in situations like that," Lignou said. "When you play a team as good as

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'This is a real big game for our confidence, a big game.'

Dennis Schutzenhofer
Belleville East coach

our confidence, a big game.

"We didn't finesse them or anything but we got it done when it needed to get done and we held them. We made the plays in the field when it needed to get done. That was very

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Prazma will cap career at NJCAA tourney

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Buddy Prazma is looking forward to what might be his swan song of competitive tennis.

The former Granite City High School player has qualified along with the Lewis & Clark team for the National Junior College Tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas, later this month.

This will be Prazma's final event at Lewis & Clark. He has qualified for the Air Force and will be headed to Fort Lackland in San Antonio, Texas, either at the beginning of June or after Christmas.

Prazma is hoping that his experience at the national tournament will be better than it was last season. He

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and has Lewis & Clark teammates had a short stay at the event last spring.

"Everybody on the team with one exception lost in the first round last year," Prazma said. "And in that tournament, once you lose you are out. In a way, I was surprised at the competition. We were there," was amazed at the talent down there."

Prazma is planning to spend a little more time playing against that competition this time around.

"Last year I went down with the intent of playing tennis," Prazma said. "But it was so nice and there were other things to do, too. I'm

going with a different frame of mind this season. I know what to expect, which should help, and I'm also going to be thinking of tennis and tennis only."

Prazma did not start playing the sport until he was 14. He developed into the No. 2 singles player as a senior at Granite City in 1996 and was named second-team all-area.

He played primarily at the No. 5 singles spot at Lewis & Clark as a freshman and compiled an impressive 17-3 overall record.

Prazma played as high as No. 2 singles this season because of injuries to some of his teammates. But he was used mostly at No. 6 singles, where he was undefeated in regional competition with a 9-0 mark. His overall record was 18-5.

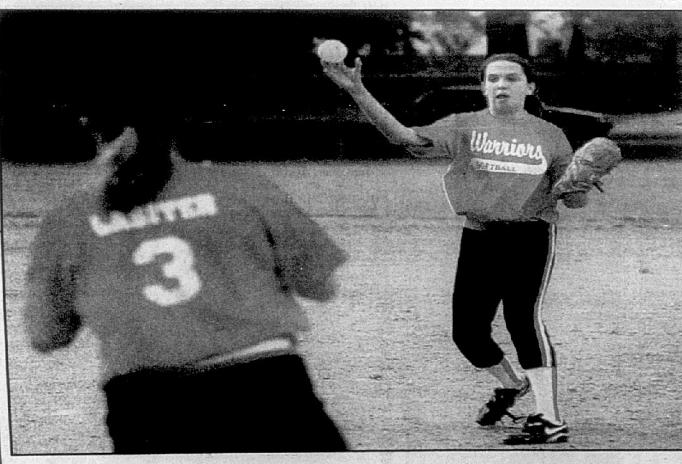
'I' m looking forward to going to nationals this season. It was a rude awakening last season. I plan on playing more than one match this time.'

Buddy Prazma

Lewis & Clark sophomore

"Things could have gone a little better this season but I'm pleased

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JOHN FRESE /Press-Record

Making the play

Granite City girls softball second base, man Jenna Wright makes a throw to Lady Warriors first baseman Keri Lasiter after fielding a ground ball during Tuesday's Southwest Conference game against Edwardsville High. Granite City, playing at home, dropped a 14-0 decision to the Tigers.

Kraak was a winner on the hardwood

1950 Collinsville graduate earned numerous basketball championships

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

There was a magnet when it came to winning, Collinsville High basketball standout Charlie Kraak possessed that something that allowed him to gravitate to victories on the hardwood floor.

"I just expected to win all the time," Kraak said. "You never even had the other option. Well, it wasn't even an option. You just expected to win." He might have won and it didn't necessarily come to pass.

Kraak, a 1950 Collinsville graduate, has a unique distinction in local basketball lore. As best as records and the old-timers who know the history of Collinsville basketball can reveal, Kraak has the distinction of having played on a junior high state championship squad, a state-placing high school team and a national champion NCAAs squad.

He was a member of the Webster Junior High squad that won the state tournament. In his first year of high school, the Kahoks finished fourth at the IHSA state tournament. In Kraak's junior year at the University of Indiana, the Hoosiers captured the NCAAs national title. That was around the time he was an all-state, basketball title as a member of U.S. Army squad while stationed in Germany.

"It is really outstanding," former Collinsville athletic director Frank Pitol said of Kraak's run of basketball titles. "A person who's expected to be lucky to win one championship by rule but to win a couple is really outstanding."

Kraak was just an average-sized player on his grade school basketball team and even his first two years at CHS. Then the basketball gods provided a growth spurt in the summer between his sophomore and junior year.

"I had a major surge," Kraak said. "I grew about six inches and kind of took off. That didn't hurt in the game of basketball."

Kraak, who eventually grew to 6-foot-5 for his senior season, was the epitome of late bloomer in the game of basketball.

He admits his first years of playing basketball were lean.

"I started out riding a lot of pine," Kraak said. "Where I really started was in grade school at Webster Junior High. I was new, grade like James Brown. I think we were the first team in Collinsville to win a state championship and that was at Webster Junior High."

"Then we went to high school and I pretty much sat on the bench for the first three years. I made up for the three years all in one year."

Kraak, who had just spot playing time as a junior on the 1948-49 squad, came out of nowhere his senior campaign to score 608 points — 15 points per game. He helped guide Collinsville to the state tournament and a fourth-place finish at the state tournament.

The only disappointment of the entire season was at the state tournament when the Kahoks lost to Danville 62-60 on an 18-foot shot at the buzzer. Everybody, including Kraak, was hoping for a match-up with defending state champion Mount Vernon for the state title. It never hap-

pened and Mount Vernon went on to win its second straight state title.

"It was a fairy tale season," Kraak said. "We had a little bit of a bust. I was the biggest at 6-foot-5 and Jack Renfro, Elwood Sapp and Jim Belobradic. We were just a group of guys who put it together."

Kraak was the Kahoks' go-to player. The remainder of the guys proved to be a solid support cast.

"I was relied on to be the high scorer in most every game and I did a lot of rebounding," Kraak said. "In college, it was just the opposite. I was relied on to rebound and do a little bit of hitting. I did a good fallaway jump (shot). I was skinny and quick. I could get around people to score easy layups."

Kraak capped off his high school career by being earning all-state honors. He elected to join former teammate Sam Miranda at the University of Indiana.

Kraak couldn't play his freshman year at Indiana because the NCAAs did not freshmen to play at that time. But by the time his junior year came around, Kraak had become a Hoosier and coach Branch McCracken capture the NCAAs national championship. In the title game against Kansas, which Indiana won 69-68, Kraak scored a season-high 17 points — second-best on the team behind Don Schundt's 30 points.

According to the Indiana media guide, Kraak was the rebounding specialist of the team. The media guide described him as very fast and quick his height, and mentioned his tremendous

vertical leap and tireless running.

"It's that little fraction of a second break that he has in reaction and movement that makes him so tough off the boards," McCracken said at the time.

With all but one starter returning for Kraak's senior year, the Hoosiers poised to win the NCAAs titles in a row. But Notre Dame eliminated the Hoosiers bid with a 65-64 victory at the regional tournament in Iowa City.

After a brilliant three-year playing career and in the Army. His original plan was to complete his first tour of duty as part of the requirement for being a member of the ROTC unit at Indiana.

However, serving his country got into his blood. Kraak ended up serving 30 years before retiring in 1985 as a colonel. He completed a one-year tour in Korea and a one-year tour in Vietnam.

He spent 16 of those 30 years in the Washington, D.C., area. In fact, he liked the area so much that he and his wife, Shirley, settled in Fairfax, Va. His son Greg is a major in the Army. His daughter, Karolyn is a school teacher at Indiana.

Kraak jokes that his claim to fame was going to school with Gen. Colin Powell at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., when the two were majors.

"I wouldn't exchange my military career for anything," he said. "You won't get to be a millionaire, that's for sure, but you get to travel. It was a very rewarding experience."

Physicals offered for Collinsville, Granite City athletes

Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine will be offering physicals for athletes from Granite City and Collinsville high schools.

Cost is \$25 for the physicals, which are good for one calendar year and are accepted by the Illinois High School Association.

For Granite City students, physicals and sports cards are \$20-21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each day in the physical medicine department at the Wolf Building, 2100 Madison Ave.

For Collinsville students, physicals are \$20 for May 27, July 29 and July 29 at 800 St. Louis Road, Collinsville.

For information, contact Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 738-3943.

Soccer camp

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-26 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville. The day camp, with international coaches, is geared toward the serious soccer player ages 10-17. Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase. For information or an application, call Judy at 931-8207 or Carol at 692-1033.

Prairie State Games

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southern Illinois North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games, scheduled for June 26-28 in southwestern Illinois.

There will be four teams: Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women — in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the 12th grade, while the Scholastic division for players ages 8-12 in grades 8-12 for the 1997-98 school year. A player must be either a resident or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional.

Players making the teams will compete against the state's 11 other region teams at the annual June 29.

The tryout fee is \$18, which includes a Prairie State Games T-shirt. Applications can be processed at the time of the tryout. Any athlete younger than 18 years of age must have his or her parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryout and contact person for each of the teams is Ethan Pitol, Open Men (Bob Emig — 632-1002), Open Women (Bob Emig — 632-1002).

Volleyball — Open Men (Rick Verner — 632-7719 or 304-0881), Open Women (Missy Dosey — 377-6987 or 656-0485).

Volleyball tryouts are as follows: Open Women — May 31, 2-4 p.m. at Edwardsville Middle School, 1000 1/2 Street.

A coach is still needed for the Scholastic Men Volleyball team. Any interested person should contact Bob Emig at 632-1002.

The Prairie State Games, now in its fourth year in southwestern Illinois, is the state's

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largest amateur sports festival with 5,000 athletes competing in last year's games.

For further information on the PSG, call the team contact person or Regional Director or Bob Emig (632-1002 or 344-0984).

Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament, June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club.

Prizes may total \$1,800 will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights, according to tournament general chairman John Ostanki.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call Ostanki at 345-9565. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Golf tourney

The annual golf outing sponsored by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, May 15, at The Orchards in Belleville.

Reservations are now being accepted for the four-golfer scramble. There will be a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. The price per golfer is \$75 which include the cart, green fees, range balls, golf bag, free beer and soda dinner buffet and awards ceremony.

Those not able to golf can sponsor a hole for \$50. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 234-2884.

Play Day

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 11th annual Play Day on June 1 at Legacy Golf Course.

Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Events include golf (scramble), a cookout (steaks and chicken) and plenty of prizes. Fees are as follows: Cookout & Golf, \$70; Golf only, \$50; Cookout only, \$25. There will be a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Please call the chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by May 18. Payment is due by May 25.

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receive some of the proceeds

for tickets they sell. Each

school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Sig-

mund Bonhert at 636-0043.

BAC softball camps

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Berni will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave.

Camp 1, the first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$95. The limit for camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC baseball camps

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

• June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamental camp.

• June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamental camp.

• June 22-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).

• June 29-24, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).

• July 6-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271 or 800-841-5131, extension 271.

Golf tourney

The St. Louis Gateway Classic is set for Friday at the Orchards Golf Course, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

• June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamental camp.

• June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamental camp.

• June 22-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).

• June 29-24, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).

• July 6-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC basketball camps

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Harrington and women's coach

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Tomahawks tourney

The Tomahawks Softball Club is sponsoring the following tournaments:

• June 13-19, 9 a.m.-noon,

girls ages 5-12. Cost \$30.

• June 15-19, 1-4 p.m., boys

ages 5-8. Cost \$50.

• June 22-24, 9 a.m.-noon,

grades 3-4. Cost \$30.

• June 29-July 1, grades 9-12

guard camp. Cost: \$30.

• July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon, girls

grades 5-8 team camp (teams

of five or more). Cost: \$30.

• July 13-17, 1-4 p.m., girls

grades 5-8 team camp. Cost: \$40.

• July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 1-2 little nippin camp. Cost: \$40.

• July 27-29, 1-4 p.m., grades 5-8 shooting camp. Cost: \$30.

• Aug. 3-5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-8 boys. Cost: \$90 (includes lunch).

For more information, call 314-569-0500 or fax 314-569-9955.

Baseball tournament

Fairview Heights will play host to the first National Amateur Baseball Federation Glassic National baseball tournament June 14-21 for teams ages 12-and-under.

The Classic is an open tournament and is seeking up to 32 teams to participate. There is a five-game minimum guarantee to earn a team with a minimum of three games possible for teams which do not advance to the championship round.

The registration fees are \$625 per team. For more information, call 609-931-9220.

Baseball camp

The 17th annual J.R. Roth Baseball Camp will be 8:30 a.m.-12 noon June 8-12 and June 15-19 at the Highland Park.

Campers may come at 7:30 a.m. for extra hitting.

The camp is for boys ages 8-16 and campers are divided into groups by age and ability. The cost is \$100 for one week and \$99 for two weeks (\$48 and \$78 after April 20).

For more information, call 654-2619.

There will also be an advanced pitching clinic for pitchers ages 12 and older on Sundays: May 3, 10, 24 and 31. The cost is \$20.

LPGA pro-am

Sixteen LPGA pros will join St. Louis celebrities and amateurs at the Grand Marais Club on May 29 at the Grand Marais Golf Course.

For more information, call 654-2619.

The entry fee of \$600 includes a pre-tournament breakfast and lunch on the course, 18 holes of golf with a

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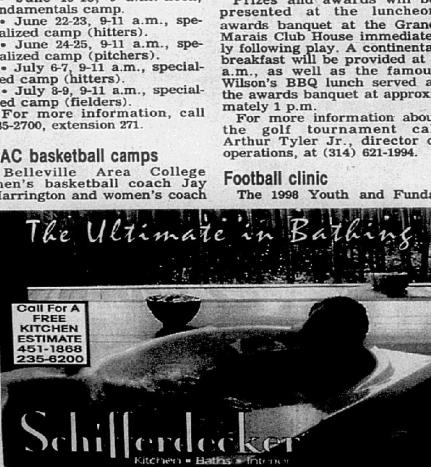
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•Warriors

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While Granite City was consistently hitting the baseball, they were unable to find the good timing that was needed to produce more runs than the Tigers. Edwardsville won the other four, found its timing.

The Tigers were trailing 1-0 until the fifth inning, when Nick Seibert's double to the gap in right-center field drove in Matt Pile, who had also doubled on the ball that was catchable in the outfield.

"They got their first run on a mistake," Lignoul said. "We had six hits. Edwardsville had five. When it comes to not beating yourself, nobody is better than Edwardsville."

The Tigers put the game-winning runs on the board in the sixth inning. Matt Pile's two-run home run against Dustin Brewer provided enough offense for the Tigers to claim the victory.

"Brewer pitched a great ball," Lignoul said.

The Warriors ace struck out seven while allowing just the five hits.

Edwardsville coach Tom Pile said Brewer was the best pitcher his team has faced this season.

"He kept going up on us. Our boys couldn't keep their bats down," Pile said. "We were at a high heat at least seven times. That's not good discipline."

Granite City scored first, in the third inning. Jeff Haden's solo home run on a 2-2 offering from Edwardsville's James Hutton sailed over the left field wall.

But the Warriors did not score again until the seventh inning. Trailing 3-1, an Edwardsville error on a pick-off play at first base allowed one run to score and put the



Dustin Brewer allowed just five hits to Edwards-ville on Tuesday in 3-2 defeat.

But the Warriors were unable to score that runner and dropped to 6-11 for the season. Lignoul believes the record is not indicative of what his team can do.

"I believe this team can win the regional," Lignoul said. "And the sectional. It's been 11 close losses."

Granite City is in action Saturday with a doubleheader at Springfield, starting at 11 a.m.

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Granite City coach

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Granite City baserunner Dustin Murphy (left) talks with Warriors coach Daren DePew in a recent game. The Warriors dropped to 6-11 with a loss Tuesday.

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's tennis team came close to qualifying for the NCAAA Division II postseason tournament.

The Cougars finished the season with an overall 14-4 record and a 12-1 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They also won the GLVC Tournament.

However, SIUE finished the spring ranked 14th in the final NCAA Division II Midwest poll and fell short of earning a postseason berth. The top 16 teams advance to regional play with the top seed receiving an automatic bid.

It seems the Cougars had one loss too many. The kiss of death was the Cougars' last regular-season GLVC match, a loss to Southern Indiana.

"I was pleased with the performance of the team as a whole after losing to No. 1. No. 1 players from a season ago," SIUE tennis coach Bill Logan said. "Our team came together and performed just as good as last year's team."

The snub by the NCAA ended the careers of seniors Jason Stephens of Collinsville and Tim McKay of Caseyville.

Stephens was named the Cougars Most Valuable Player.



SIU-Edwardsville's Tim McKay had two solid seasons for the Cougars after transferring in from Belleville Area College.

He was 10-0 in singles action and 6-0 in doubles. McKay had a solid two seasons at SIUE after transferring from Belleville Area College.

Junior Mike Reither (St. Louis) was named the GLVC Player of the Year. He was 12-1 in singles and 9-2 in doubles.

"Both Jason and Mike did a superb job in singles play," Logan said. "The two players alternated at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles position and both played significant roles in our victories."

•Prazma

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Dennis Russell reached on Brad Bone's error at second base. Krausz dropped a cozy rolling sacrifice bunt down the third baseline. Creek charged hard and threw to first. Russell kept running on the play advanced to third base on the play. Slazinski followed with a squeeze bunt, scoring Russell easily.

East regained the lead in the bottom of the inning. Beatty doubled and scored on Robitaille's single. Robitaille moved to second on the Kahoks' attempt to throw to Beatty at the plate. Creek's sacrifice bunt pushed Robitaille's quiet closer to home. Brown picked up an RBI when he reached on an infield single.

"I liked our enthusiasm and how we fought right through it," McFall said. "We got a goodinning out of Matt Parker. He came in and threw us a real good strong inning before they knew what hit them. He got us into the seventh and gave us a chance. You can't ask for anything more than that."

Prazma won the No. 6 singles spot at regionals and he was second at the No. 2 doubles with Ryan Meisenheimer.

"I'm looking forward to going to nationals this season," Prazma said. "It was a rude awakening last season. I plan on playing more than one match this time."

•Baseball

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important."

CHS (13-5, 5-2) struck first. Justin Krausz, who was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, singled and quickly stole second base. Jeff Slazinski dropped a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance Krausz to third. On an off-speed hit, a high chopper to East third baseman P.J. Creek, Creek's only play was to first as Krausz raced home for the game's first run.

East bounced back with two runs in the bottom half of the first. Dante Brinkley walked and then stole second base. With one out, Lou Beatty's base hit to first baseman Ken Lutz. Brinkley was moving to third on the play. Lutz elected to forego the easy out at first and tried to get Brinkley to third. The end result was a double play, and the Lancers had runners on second and third.

Nick Robitaille then walked to load the bases. P.J. Creek picked up an

"We had a chance to get out of it and we made a mistake on the ground ball to first base when we threw it to the wrong base. Then we didn't make a good throw to second base on a double play and we could have gotten out there, too. It was unfortunate because we could have gotten right out of the inning, but that doesn't happen sometimes."Steve McFall
Collinsville coach

easy RBI, walking to force in Brinkley. Andy Schutzenhofer hit a laser line drive to Munoz at shortstop, but the Kahoks couldn't double. Robitaille off second base. Mike Beyer walked to open the fifth. Lutz scored. Austin Benear grounded out to first to end the inning with the bases still loaded.

"We had a chance to get out of it and we made a mistake on the ground

ball to first base when we threw it to the wrong base," McFall said. "Then we didn't make a good throw to second base on a double play and we could have gotten out there, too. It was unfortunate because we could have gotten right out of the inning, but that doesn't happen sometimes."

The Kahoks literally manufactured a run out of nothing in the third inning.

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NEWS

Young at Heart serves up soup and chili

Gateway riders — Above: Lori Cavins has been riding horses for two years and has won numerous awards. In her most recent show, April 19, she took home two trophys and two firsts, two fourths and one fifth-place ribbon. She rides at Gateway Stables on Lake Drive in Pontiac Beach. Below: Also riding for Gateway Stables, with Cavins (right), are Holly Warren (left) and Caitlin Demaree. The trio ride under the instructions of Kelly Arnold, and the group participated in a three-day open horse show at Archview Stables in Belleville recently, winning trophies and several ribbons between them.

**HONORS**

Seventy junior high school students completed the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Midwest Engineering and Science Association program this past year and recently were honored for their achievements at a joint recognition banquet with the SUI chapter of the National Association of Black Engineers.

The MESA pre-college program is sponsored by the SUI School of Engineering and was founded and is directed by Ronald Banks, an assistant to the dean of the school MESA, which is funded through a grant from the High

er Education Cooperation Act, is coordinated by the SUI School of Engineering and Lewis and Clark Community College. MESA puts junior high school students, graduate students and teachers together for hands-on studies. Students who finished the 1997-98 academic year in MESA are listed by their hometowns:

Granite City: Elizabeth Perryman, Leontine L. Johnson, Marissa Ariane Brimmage, Jamaine Buckola, Kimberly Chatman, Rosetta Freeman, Dalton Watkins, Joshua Johnson, and Anthony Watts Jr. and Brandon Williams

Venice: Danielle Chatman, Ashley Jones, Torri Jones and Sherkanya Townsend

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City had a chili meal at its monthly meeting on April 20 in the church community center.

President Irma Manning welcomed members and guests. Sister Jean Patrick led members in prayer.

A soup-and-chili meal was served to 71 members and guests.

The following sisters were guests: Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Angeline, Sister Stanley, Sister Alice and Sister Linda Mary.

In the absence of Cleola Sieberty, recording secretary, Ann Kovach read the March minutes, followed by the treasurer's report given by Connie Mace. Corresponding secretary, Ann Kovach, reported receiving thank you cards from: Connie Balen, PAC/AN for the baby shower gift; Karen Stello, Catholic Charities for the baby shower gifts; and Silver Bells and Bows, for the monetary contribution given to them. Alice also thanked them for the care and sympathy she received from the Young at Heart; friendship chairperson Mary Rita Ahlers sent a sympathy card; Margaret Ferro, Viola Lindner and Membership

Chairperson Connie McGee, reported 71 members in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in April were Al Mance and Rose Schmitt.

Anniversaries celebrated in April were Helen and Eric Mooshegan, 55 years; Al and Cecelia Mance, 54 years; and Zita and Warren Bequette, 51 years.

In accordance with the by-laws, President Manning appointed the following nominating committee: George Sotiroff, Eric Mooshegan and Ann Kovach.

A trip is scheduled on the Showboat to see the stage play "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat," on May 21; price is \$24. The group will leave the church parking lot at 11:45 a.m. board at 11:55 a.m. with a buffet dinner at noon and the show at 1:30 p.m. Cut off date for reservation and payment is May 11.

Zita and Warren Bequette (51 years), above, and Helen and Eric Mooshegan (55 years), below, celebrated their anniversary at the recent Young at Heart meeting.

**Ryan stops information sales to mailers**

Following a unanimous appellate court decision upholding efforts to safeguard the privacy of Illinois motorists, Secretary of State George Ryan has issued an immediate ban on sales of motorist information to bulk mailers and telemarketers.

The court decision, written by 4th District Appellate Judge John T. McCullough, reversed a Sangamon County Circuit Court ruling that forced Ryan last August to resume selling private information about Illinois motorists, including home addresses, birth dates and physical characteristics to companies that use it to design mass mailings.

This is a victory for the protection of privacy in the state, Ryan said. "I will move as swiftly as possible to put this ruling into effect and get my office ready for all the business need for all the mail marketing information about Illinois residents to telemarketing and junk mail companies."

Ryan abolished the sale of motorist information, a practice begun in the secretary of

state's office in the 1920s, effective January 1, 1997. However, one of the nation's largest information resellers, the Michelin Co. of Detroit, immediately filed a lawsuit protesting the action.

Sangamon County Chief Circuit Judge Sue Myerscough sided with Ryan, however, finding that Ryan had no authority to make the change Ryan ordered to resume sales of motorist information.

The Appellate Court overruled the trial court's ruling. "The statute gives the secretary the discretion to decide under what circumstances to sell, or not to sell, the lists."

The court noted that Myerscough's decision was against "the preeminent weight of the evidence."

Ryan said he would cancel

contracts with the five companies who currently are buying motorist information for commercial marketing purposes. The companies are R. Polk & Co., Elmhurst; CU List Inc. of Elmhurst; and Cross-Sell Inc. of Lexington, Ky. They all signed agreements allowing their contracts to be terminated upon reversal of the Circuit Court decision.

To protect motorists' privacy while the appeal was pending, Ryan last summer revived and made more accessible a procedure he instituted in 1993 to let motorists have their private information withheld for marketing uses.

Nearly 525,000 motorists have filed opt-out forms either by mail, at drivers license

facilities or over the Internet. As insurance against an unanticipated appeal or court ruling, Ryan also pursued legislation this spring that would clearly prevent any state agency, including his office, from selling information about Illinois citizens for commercial mailing purposes.

The legislation, HB 3610, passed the House on a 113-1 vote with 75 co-sponsors. Sponsor of the bill is Ryan's mentor, State Rep. Dan Rutherford, R-Pontiac, and Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago.

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OBITUARIES

Reece Sherman

REECE T. SHERMAN, Infant, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born May 3, 1998, in Granite City.

Survivors include her parents, Shawn Sherman and Ami Dobrynski both of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Michael and Rose Dobrynski of Granite City; paternal grandparents, M.A. "Butch" and Gwenell (Boggs) La, and Sarah Sherman of Poplarville, Miss.; five uncles and four aunts.

Services were Wednesday, at Thomas Wohry, 1001 W. Polk Beach, with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the St. Elizabeth Hospital Neonatal Care Unit.

Esther Newton

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Mrs. Newton was born Sept. 9, 1908, in Vigo County, Ind.

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NEWS IN REVIEW

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Drawings support high school

One of Granite City High School's graduates has helped immortalize the school for the ages.

Former student Eric Ameling, 18, of Granite City, died Saturday, May 3, 1998, in St. Louis.

Mr. Ameling retired from Granite City Steel as a payroll clerk. He was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Choir and a member of the Sunday school and a board member for the church choir.

Mr. Ameling was inducted into the Granite City Schools Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Wilhelmia (Kahle) Ameling, and one brother, Eric Ameling.

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FAMILY

Party celebrates 50th anniversary



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Bushong is a graduate of Granite City High School in Granite City. She is a program manager at the VCH System House.

Holt is a graduate of Winfield High School in Winfield, Kan. He is a systems analyst with Alliance Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The couple is planning a June 13 wedding, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Terrell — Pempek

Sara L. Terrell, the daughter of Gary and Jolene Terrell of Granite City, and Bryan G. Pempek, the son of George and Pempek of Springfield, have announced their engagement.

Terrell is a graduate of Granite City High School in Granite City. She is a legal secretary with Crowder and Scoggins Ltd. in Columbia.

Pempek is a graduate of Griffin High School, and has a B.S. from Florida Southern University. He is a public service administrator with the State of Illinois in Springfield.

They are planning an Oct. wedding at the Chapel in The Glen in Smoky Mountain National Park, Tenn.

Search begins for Miss Illinois

The search has begun for Miss Illinois USA 1998 and Miss Illinois Teen USA 1998 contestants.

The finalists will represent our state at the Miss USA Pageant and the Miss Teen USA Pageant. Both National Pageants are live two-hour CBS prime-time specials. The Illinois competitions will be held Nov. 27-28 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg, Ill.

New Illinois winners will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a designer gown for TV, a pageant wardrobe and round-trip air fare to the national pageants for an opportunity to win more than \$125,000 in cash and prizes. Hotel accommodations and meals are provided by Miss America.

To qualify, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Illinois for at least one year or be a full-time student within the state.

Miss USA applicants must be at least 18 years of age and under 27 years of age on Feb. 1, 1999. Applicants for Miss Teen USA must be at least 15 years of age and under 19 as of July 1, 1998.

Applicants must never have been married, had a marriage annulled or been performing talent competition. All judging is based on intelligence, physical fitness, personality and beauty.

For further information, write to: Pageant Productions Co., Department NA, P.O. Box 97099, Boca Raton, FL 33497, or call 1-800-334-5672.

Applicants must include two recent snapshots, including one face shot and one full-body shot in shorts or swimwear, along with a brief biography that includes date of birth and place of residence.

The Miss Illinois USA Pageant and the Miss Illinois Teen USA Pageant both are produced independently by Pageant Productions Co.

BIRTHS

Trent Jones

RON AND ROSE JONES of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Trent Daniel Jones was born at 3:35 a.m. April 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and joined brother Darren, 1, 1/2 years old.

His maternal grandparents are Stan and Clara Hudzik of Madison.

The paternal grandparents are Danny and Sue Jones of Mordan.

Nicholas Lille

CHRIS LILLE AND LEZLIE (VOYLES) ELLESEN both of Granite City have announced the birth of their fifth child, a son.

Nicholas William Lille was born at 3:48 a.m. April 7, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and joined brothers Chad Lille, age 1, Katie Lille age 9, Steven Elleesen age 7, Kady Elleesen age 6, and Kristi Elleesen age 4.

His maternal grandparents are Marvin and Ellen Vories of Granite City, and Sherri and Don Wahling of Ballwin, Mo.

The paternal grandparents are Jerry and Barb Lille of Granite City, and Barb Lille of St. Charles, Mo.

Christopher Castevens

Christopher Castevens of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Christopher Michael Castevens was born at 1:43 p.m. April 10, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Harold and Mary Link of Granite City.

The paternal grandparents are the late Grady and Edna Castevens.

Alexis Ryan

JENNIFER STOPPKOTTE AND PATRICK RYAN of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Ilene) Henderickson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 26 with a party at Charlie's restaurant.

The party was given by their son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Patty Henderickson, and a daughter, Sandi Highsmith. Grandchildren assisting were Cary and Billy Henderickson, Ryan Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Darin (Laura) Henderickson.

The couple was married on April 17, 1948, in the home of her parents, then Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Metcalf. In lieu of gifts, guests were asked to give one staple food item and one paper product, which was donated to the Protestant Welfare.

Out-of-town guests attending

the buffet and dancing celebration were Susan Ragsdale of St. Charles, Mo., a sister of Ilene's and Bill's sisters and their husbands, Dorothy and David Young of Festus, Mo., and Pat and Charley Dyson of Orlando, Fla., and Carolyn and Albert McKee of Zionville, Ind. Other guests were Tanya Polite, Bob and Kim Reick of Future Park, Mo.; Jim McKee, Julie McKee, and Shannon McKee and Hannah McKee, all of Zionsville, Ind.; Sam and Helen Ragsdale of Paris, Ill.; Bill and Penny Mastern of Ohio; Kay and Maggie Dill, Kim Kemp, Alexia Sanasarian, Mary Thebaud, Norma Koenig, Marvin and Arlene Wilke, Harriet and Eddie Hopopian Lloyd and Vera Belcher, Drew and Judy Duncan, Christ and Dorothy Antonopoulos, John and Mylene Kriz, Harold and Evelyn Atchison, Wanda and Louise Morris, Bob and Joan Berry, Christie Hayden, Harold and Joan Murphy, Vicki Hogan, Judi Wrigley, Betty Gainor, Cal Elmendorf, George and Florence Frank, Serrano, Connie Harper, Jack and Diane Whited, Fred and Doris Schmidt, Ed and Joan Hogan, Mary Ann Chebland and Gene Witzel.

Since 1979, St. Elizabeth Medical Center Home Care Services has offered patients Home Care Services. Home care extends support to patients and their families and enables patients to remain at home.

the Tuesday Morning Home

SIEU chooses Williams as Student Legal Services chief

Nafisoff Williams, an assistant Madison County public defender and an Edwardsville attorney, has been chosen as head of Student Legal Services at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Williams is available to help SIEU students with a wide variety of legal counsel.

Her office is located at 205 N. Second St., Suite 103, Edwardsville. She may be

consulted for student-related legal work from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, and from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday.

The university's Student Legal Services program provides help with landlord-tenant disputes, contracts, consumer matters, family matters, bankruptcy, administrative agency matters, small claims and traffic matters and violations not involving criminal penalties.

Williams earned a law degree in 1997 from the University of Illinois College of Law and Education and a bachelor's degree from U of I in English and history three years earlier. She has been an assistant state's attorney in Madison County, a teaching assistant at the U of I and a clerk at a Champaign-Urbana law firm.

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The wedding



Above: Christmas in April volunteers from St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Sigma Lambda Chi fraternity and Scott Air Force Base work on the home of Irene Macko in Madison. The house had new soffit, gutters, windows and smoke detectors installed; and improvements were made to the electrical system and the sidewalks. Below: Phillip Winters and Dave Osborne of Air Products put a new porch ceiling on the home of Gerald Jones in Granite City, while behind them Corey Garritsen from Scott gets the rafters ready for another panel.



Christmas in April

Builders bring holiday spirit to spring

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

April showers stayed away long enough for groups of volunteers to deliver special Christmas presents.

The volunteers descended on various Tri-City homes over the past two weekends as part of the Christmas in April program. Volunteers help make repairs and renovations to houses of area residents in need.

"We're finished. We have 13 out of 14 houses done, and we'll have the last one by Thursday," said Butch Wojtowicz of Christmas in April Tri-Cities Area. Participants this year included volunteers from such diverse organizations as St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Sigma Lambda Chi at Southern Illinois University and Moose Lodge 272.

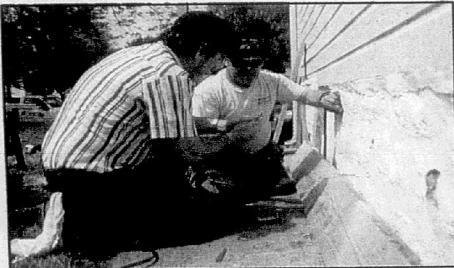
"We had well over 400 volunteers to work,

(including) some from Scott Air Force Base," he said. "We had good weather for a change."

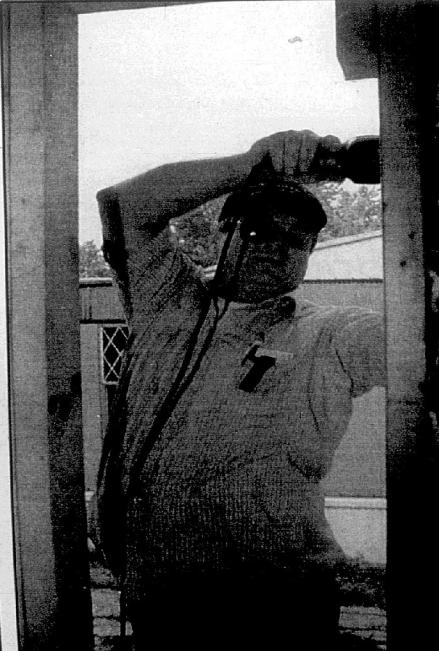
The volunteers were delayed for about an hour Saturday because of rain, but after that, the weather was perfect for Christmas.

Volunteers worked on two homes in Edwardsville, one in Granite City, three in Madison and one in Pontoon Beach. Residents apply for help and the group interviews them and then tries to help them, Wojtowicz said.

Houses were sponsored by Ole Scouters and the Optimist Club, Chemical Workers Local #50, the Granite City School District #9 administration, Granite City Board of Realtors, Pontoon Beach Little City, Anderson Memorial Bar Association, Elks Lodge #1088, Calvary Baptist Church, Moose Lodge #272, First Assembly Church, the Granite City Rotary Club, St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Air Products.



Above: Bob Young and Gary Stagman of Granite City Moose Lodge 272 mount a support for a wheelchair ramp on Veronica Kraus' home in Granite City. Center: Fred Miller mounts a frame for a wall in Kraus' bathroom, before Moose Lodge members can install a shower. Far right: Linda McGuire, top, and Stacy Rollefson from Scott paint the gable above the side door of Catherine Measki's home in Granite City. Right: Emmett Meador of Chemical Workers Local 50 at Granite City Steel cuts a length of siding for Measki's home.

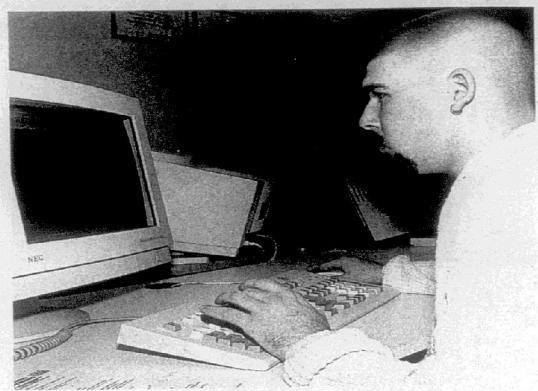


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DRAWING PRAISE

—Scott Taylor, left, and Jeremy Nelson, both students at Triad High School, recently participated in the Illinois Drafting Educators Association high school drafting competition, which was held at Belleville Area College. Jeremy won first place in the Computer Aided Drafting—Architectural portion of the contest. Scott and Jeremy, both from Troy, were among 58 students from five area high schools who participated in the event.



BAC photos by AMANDA DOYLE

SIUE to conduct music camps for program

The Department of Music at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will conduct music camps during June and July as part of SIUE's SummerArts '98 program.

Applications are now being accepted for camp programs in band, jazz music, vocal, choral and computer-generated music. The cost per student for each camp is \$100; it's \$85 if postmarked six weeks ahead of camp's beginning. The final deadline for applications is two weeks before camp begins. Fees are non-refundable unless a student notifies the department one week before a camp begins with a legitimate reason for canceling.

The cost of each camp includes materials, except where noted. Each camp is conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Campers may bring lunch or purchase lunch at SIUE's University Center cafeteria. The various camps are:

- Computer music for students entering grades seven through 12, to be held July 13-17.

Group and individual activities will be provided for students with a wide range of backgrounds and interests. No previous experience is necessary in computers, music or anything else.

Supplies and materials will be furnished, including computer-generated manuscripts of students' compositions; recording tapes or computer disks are not included.

- Jazz for students entering grades eight through 12, to be held July 6-10.

The Jazz Camp will include ensemble performance, introduction to jazz theory and master classes like introduction to important jazz-rock stylings. In addition to various SIUE jazz music faculty and students, a special guest artist will perform and assist in the camp, which will end with performances by various combos formed during the camp.

- Band for students entering grades six through nine, to be held June 22-26.

This camp is for middle school or junior high school wind and percussion students with a focus on developing individual and ensemble instrumental performance skills and exposure to varied musical activities, performances, clinics and sectionals by SIUE faculty and students. A final concert will be held.

- Youth Choir for students entering grades four through 12, to be held July 27-Aug. 7.

This camp features group and individual activities, focusing on principles of good singing and musicianship through a wide variety of choral music of many styles and types, including American folk songs, traditional songs and music of the masters.

Younger students will not be involved in a full schedule; the schedule will be determined on the first day of camp, based on the number of students enrolled in each of the two age groups. The camp will end with an informational concert for parents and friends.

For more information, call the SIUE Department of Music at 692-3900 or from St. Louis toll-free at 621-5163, extension 3900.

Contractor is key to new roof

Homeowners who wait to see water stains on their ceilings before calling a roofing contractor have already waited too long. By the time visible damage is done to the interior, structural damage already has occurred. Delay turns a simple re-roofing job into a major structural repair project.

"Considering that a roof protects homes and family, it's essential to detect and attend to problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Sears Home Improvement Professional Services, which replaces roofs for homeowners and other company nationwide. "The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. It's important to know what kind of roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a roofing contractor you can trust to protect your biggest investment: your home."

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains. Loose or missing shingle, damaged flashing between the roof and chimney or walls, bowed and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's time to call in a roofing professional. "Really, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the replacement work," Berk says.

Popular roofing materials



More than half of a house's exterior consists of roofing.

come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American houses use organic (asphalt) or fiber-glass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low maintenance, versatility and price. Today's choices include shingles with textures that create handsome dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house. Light-colored roofs create a spacious look, especially when paired with a light colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the house's color is also dark.

For a dramatic contrast, some homeowners choose a roof very different in color from the house. Some people

prefer dark colors that absorb the sun's rays; others prefer light colors that reflect them. Because a quality roof lasts for many years, people often select a neutral tone that coordinates with many houses. To help visualize how various selections look, consumers should ask to see the contractor's portfolio of completed projects.

The contractor is as important as the right roof, so homeowners should ask the right questions before signing the contract.

Berk advises homeowners to ask the contractor how long he has been in business (an indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references. "Time invested in calling

references is worthwhile," Berk says. "Ask if past customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends."

Is the contractor licensed and insured?

Roofing is not work for amateurs, so don't take chances," Berk advises. "Ask to see the contractor's license and his certificates for property damage, liability and worker's compensation insurance; and call the insurance company to be sure the policies are current."

Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long. Then, ask if the contractor stands behind it.

Check your lights for sake of safety

How often have you had to brake suddenly with another driver right on your tail? Your eyes dart to the rearview mirror, hoping he'll see your brake lights in time.

But what if your brake lights aren't working properly? There's better than a 50/50 chance they're NOT, according to figures from the Society of American Automobiles.

They found 55 percent of vehicles checked had brake lights that needed some kind of repairs. This was by far the most prevalent mechanical discrepancy found during a Car Care Clinic.

Bob Knop, manager of the Club's Approved Auto Repair Department, which conducts the clinics, says most problems were found with the third brake light, generally because of a burned out bulb.

Our subconscious response to lighting:

"We've grown to depend on lighting to signal our intentions," says Jack Oliver, manager for the G.E. Automotive Lighting Division. "We especially depend on them to know when to turn signals, brake lights or emergency flashers. It's a form of communication as vital to driving as road signs and center line marking. When they're missing we're unaware of the danger ahead."

Another common lighting problem, according to Oliver, is found on vehicles with four light systems with separate units for high and low beams. Because the high beam lamps are replaced less often the lens is subjected to years of abuse from pebbles and other road debris. Eventually hair-line cracks develop and moisture works its way inside, corroding the reflector. The unit may appear to be working OK but it is not putting out as much light as it should.

Lights on for safety:

"Some day it may be wide spread practice in the U.S. that the headlights be turned on whenever the car is driven. It's a proven safety measure and already is the law in the U.S. on two-wheeled vehicles where lights automatically turn on with the ignition switch. Obviously, they are more visible to other drivers," says Oliver.

"An Avis traveler safety study showed vehicles with daytime running lights (DRLs) had a better accident record than vehicles not so equipped."

But lights are worthless if they are not working. Oliver emphasizes all exterior lights should be checked periodically, not only for burned out bulbs and flashers but also for poor illumination of headlamps due to damaged reflectors.

The best way to check your system is to have one person turn on the lights, the emergency flashers and turn signals and apply the brakes while someone else walks around the vehicle to see that it's working.

It's also a good habit during every gas fill-up to check for dirt (and ice) on all lenses, front and rear. To help maintain cleanliness you can apply a glass treatment such as RAIN-X to help repel rain, sleet, and snow.

Proper headlight aim is important. At one time or another most of us have been blinded by the glare of oncoming headlights. You flash your high beams to signal the oncoming driver to dim his lights. He responds by turning on his high beams, indicating it was low beams that had been blinding you. They were aimed too high.

Are you sure your headlights are not blinding others? Here, from G.E., is the recommended way to check headlight aim.

1) PUT your car on a 35-40 foot stretch of flat or evenly sloped pavement such as a driveway facing a wall or garage door.

2) Shine your low beams on the door from 2 to 3 feet away.

3) Back the car about 26 feet from the door. The top of the low beams should shine no higher than the top of the marks on the door or lower than the center of the marked circle. If your vehicle has four headlights, the center of the high beam (the inner or lower low lights) should align with the top of the low beam marks. If you have only two headlights, the high beams are automatically aimed when you aim the low beams.

For most accurate aiming take your vehicle to a professional. If, on the other hand, you're a "do-it-yourselfer", follow these instructions from G.E.:

Remove the outer trim for access to the adjustment screws. Turn the bottom adjustment to adjust the adjustment screw clockwise to lower the beam. Turn the side adjustment screw clockwise to move the beam to the right and counter-clockwise to move it to the left.

Bring each beam into its final position by turning the adjusting screws clockwise so the headlamp will be held against its tension springs when the operation is completed.

Pruning is essential to good yard care

To prune or not to prune? That is the question many gardeners face as they survey the home landscape.

A good landscape design and proper plant selection will naturally reduce the need for pruning. Most plants do grow at different rates than we realize. A little pruning in spring will help keep your yard from looking like jungle.

Three basic pruning techniques are commonly used, which depend on leaves in full, renewal pruning, heading back and rejuvenation.

Renewal pruning is performed on multi-stem shrubs by removing a number of the old stems each year to promote new growth, maintain a moderate size and encourage flowering and fruiting. Each spring several of the largest stems are removed at the crown to stimulate new growth from the crown and remaining stems.

Opening up the plants allows sunlight to enter, thereby increasing new growth at the base.

Where only a few large stems constitute the entire plant, it may be necessary to combine renewal pruning and heading back to maintain a reasonable appear-

ance while new growth develops.

Heading back is a technique used to shorten long branches or limbs. A pruning cut is made immediately above a side bud or secondary branch, reducing the total length of the branch.

Make cuts 1/4 inch above a bud or branch, making sure you do not leave a stub. The direction which the bud or side branches faces will determine the direction of new growth.

When initiating renewal pruning on large or old plants, the immediate results may be unattractive. One season's growth usually produces many new shoots which can be used to shape the future plants.

Before beginning to prune, determine plants to see how much wood should be removed, what is diseased and what limbs are needed to maintain the natural shape of the plants.

An example of a shrub needing renewal pruning is a lilac. It is very susceptible to scale, borers and mildew. Removal of old wood to the ground takes out many of the bore-and-scale-damaged limbs.

This allows greater air movement and sunlight, which are mildew deterrents. Plants pruned in this manner can easily

be sprayed to control diseases and insects.

Other plants that can be pruned by the renewal method include mock orange, weigela, forsythia, arborvitae, viburnum, red twig dogwood, yellow dogwood.

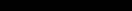
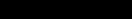
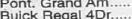
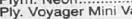
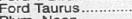
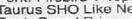
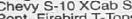
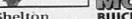
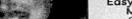
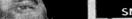
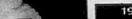
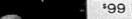
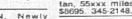
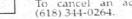
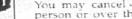
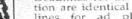
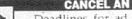
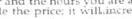
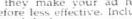
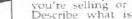
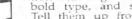
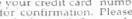
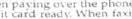
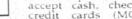
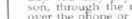
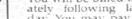
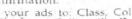
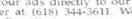
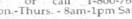
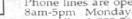
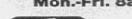
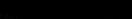
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